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App. No. : 09/643,316  
Applicant : Brookler, et al.  
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Docket : A2I-P0003  
Customer No. : 36067  
Conf. No. : 8995  
For: Data Indexing Using Bit Vectors

Commissioner for Patents  
703-872-9306

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION, AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action of October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for reply to the office action by one month as per 37 CFR 1.136(a). A credit card payment form is included herewith to cover the cost of the extension. In addition, a Request for Continued Examination is hereby requested, the required fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is also included on the credit card payment form previously mentioned. Please use deposit account 502689 for any other charges not accounted for herein and please reference our file number A2I-P0003 when using the deposit account. Please amend the above identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**An Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.

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